

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasuyuki IRISAWA et al.

Attn: OFFICE OF PUBLICATIONS

Notice of Allowance

Mailed: August 13, 2003

Batch No.: 6218

Application No.: 09/998,181

Group Art Unit: 3748

Filed: December 3, 2001

Examiner: D. Tran

Docket No.: 110764

For: EMISSION CONTROL APPARATUS OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

RECEIVED
OCT 24 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
CONSIDERATION OF DISCLOSED INFORMATION**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

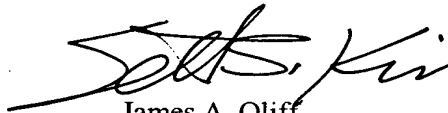
Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the above-captioned patent application on August 11, 2003. Applicants have not yet received back from the Examiner a copy of the Form PTO-1449 initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the cited disclosed information.

The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject Form PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, copies of the August 11, 2003 filing, including a signed copy of the IDS, Form PTO-1449, and the three submitted references with abstracts and translations are attached. The stamped receipt showing the receipt of the August 11, 2003 filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is also attached.

Should there be any questions concerning this communication, please telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Seth S. Kim
Registration No. 54,577

JAO:SSK/jcp
Date: October 24, 2003

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE
AUTHORIZATION
Please grant any extension
necessary for entry;
Charge any fee due to our
Deposit Account No. 15-0461

Form PTO-1449 (REV. 8-83)		US Dept. of Commerce PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTY DOCKET NO. 110764		APPLICATION NO. 09/998,181	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)				APPLICANT(S) Yasuyuki IRISAWA et al.			
				FILING DATE December 3, 2001		GROUP 3748	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
	✓	JP A 7-189659 w/ abst & trans	07-28-1995	Japan			
	✓	JP A 2000-265828 w/ abst & trans	09-26-2000	Japan			
	✓	JP A 2000-282843 w/ abst & trans	10-10-2000	Japan			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
EXAMINER					DATE CONSIDERED		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.							

Date: August 11, 2003